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Dear [Redacted],

Thank you for your e-mail of 14 September 2020 requesting the following information:

"I wondered if you might be able to provide a response to my below query for the 7 years to 2019/20 (or 18/19) if they are the latest figures available:

1. How many individuals attended RAF Initial Officer Training each year?
2. How many of those individuals were able to graduate?
3. How many of those students were university graduates?"

I am treating your correspondence as a request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA). A search for the information has now been completed within the Ministry of Defence, and I can confirm that information within scope of your request is held.

The information you requested regarding Royal Air Force (RAF) Initial Officer Training (IOT) is set out in the table below:

Course Dates	Number of first-time students attending the RAF IOT (this excludes Cadets recoursed from previous courses)	Number of Cadets that graduated	Of those graduating the number that were Graduate Direct Entrants or University Bursars
Financial Year 2013/14 8 Oct 2012- 20 June 2013 14 Jan 2013 – 26 Sept 2013 15 April 2013 – 19 Dec 2013	169	162	104

8 July 2013 – 27 March 2014			
Financial Year 2014/15 14 Oct 2013 – 9 June 2014 20 Jan 2-14 – 25 Sept 2014 14 April 2014 – 18 Dec 2015 7 July 2014 – 26 March 2015	284	279	140
Financial Year 2015/16 13 Oct 2014 – 13 June 2015 19 Jan 2015 – 24 Sept 2015 13 April 2015 – 17 Dec 2015 6 July 2015 – 24 March 2016	287	276	126
Financial Year 2016/17 12 Oct 2015 – 27 May 2016 18 Jan 2016 – 29 July 2016 04 April 2016 – 14 Oct 2016 6 June 2016 – 16 Dec 2016 22 April 2016 – 3 March 2017	396	384	182
Financial Year 2017/18 24 Oct 2016 – 12 May 2017 8 Jan 2017 – 21 July 2017 20 March 2017 – 6 Oct 2017 24 May 2017 – 15 Dec 2017 14 Aug 2017 – 2 March 2018	417	409	190
Financial Year 2018/19 23 Oct 2017- 11 May 2018 8 Jan 2018 - 20 July 2019 19 March 2018 – 5 Oct 2019 27 March 2018 – 14 Dec 2019 13 Aug 2018 – 1 March 2019	542	519	238
Financial Year 2019/20 22 Oct 2018 – 19 May 2019 7 Jan 2-19 – 19 July 2019 18 March 2019 – 4 Oct 2019 27 May 2019 – 1 March 2020	439	420	194

Column 2 provides information on courses that ended in each financial year over the period that you have requested. Please note that there is a small number of individuals

who have yet to complete their training in Financial Year 2019/20, and therefore they have not been included in graduating data for this period.

If you are not satisfied with this response or wish to complain about any aspect of the handling of your request, then you should contact me in the first instance at the address above. If informal resolution is not possible and you are still dissatisfied then you may apply for an independent internal review by contacting the Information Rights Compliance team, Ground Floor, MOD Main Building, Whitehall, SW1A 2HB (e-mail CIO-FOI-IR@mod.uk). Please note that any request for an internal review must be made within 40 working days of the date on which the attempt to reach informal resolution has come to an end.

If you remain dissatisfied following an internal review, you may take your complaint to the Information Commissioner under the provisions of Section 50 of the Freedom of Information Act. Please note that the Information Commissioner will not normally investigate your case until the MOD internal process has been completed. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at: Information Commissioner's office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF. Further details of the role and powers of the Information Commissioner can be found on the Commissioner's website at <https://ico.org.uk/>

Yours sincerely

[Original signed]

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